

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF VERMONT

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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT  
TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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Pursuant to Local Rule 73.1, this case has been assigned to Magistrate Judge Jerome J. Niedermeier for all purposes, including trial and final entry of judgment. Any appeal from a judgment entered by the Magistrate Judge may be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in the same manner as an appeal from any other judgment of a district court.

Magistrate Judges do not conduct trials in felony criminal cases. Because of this, major criminal cases will not interfere with scheduling and trials before the Magistrate Judge. It is likely that a consent to magistrate judge assignment will mean that this civil case will be resolved sooner and less expensively. However, consent is voluntary, and no adverse consequences of any kind will be felt by any party or attorney who objects to assignment of a case to the Magistrate Judge.

As stated in Local Rule 73.1, any party can object to the assignment by completing Part II - Objection to Assignment, of the MAGISTRATE JUDGE ASSIGNMENT FORM. **The form must be sent to the Clerk's Office — with a certificate of service on all other parties — within 20 days after receiving this notice.**

**NOTE:** The plaintiff must serve this notice and assignment form on all other parties that are served under FED. R. CIV. P. 4 and 5. In removal cases, this service is the responsibility of the removing party.

**RICHARD PAUL WASKO**  
**Clerk of Court**

SEE REVERSE FOR ASSIGNMENT FORM

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF VERMONT

Plaintiff(s)

v.

Case Number:

**MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
ASSIGNMENT FORM**

Defendant(s)

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**NOTE:** You must sign Part I or Part II below, and return this document to the Clerk's Office within 20 days. See the other side of this form for more information.

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**PART I - CONSENT**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), the undersigned (party) (counsel) to the above-captioned civil case voluntarily consents to have this case assigned to the Magistrate Judge for any and all further proceedings, including trial and entry of a final judgment, with direct review by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals if an appeal is filed.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Party(ies) Represented: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART II - OBJECTION TO ASSIGNMENT**

The undersigned (party) (counsel) objects to the assignment of this matter to the Magistrate Judge and elects to have the case assigned to a District Judge.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Party(ies) Represented: \_\_\_\_\_